THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The said news item relates to the content on computer services and not on the electronic media.

(b) The programme and advertisement code of AIR and Doordarshan, which have been in existence for many years now, contain adequate provisions to prevent the broadcast of programmes/advertisement containing undesirable violence and obscenity.

कुल्लू जिले के बिजली महादेव स्थान पर टी०वी० टावर स्थापित किया जाना

1170. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुल्लू जिले के बिजली महादेव में टी०वी० टावर स्थापित करने हेतु लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था;

(ख) क्या उक्त टावर की स्थापना हो गयी है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसे कब स्थापित किया गया था, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इसे कब तक स्थापित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Programme Transmission Contract to Mumbai Based Firm

1171. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHA JIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has lately awarded a 2 years contract for packaging the daily transmission programme for DD1 and DD2 to a Mumbai based firm; and

(b) if so, the details of the contract and the terms of operation and the modalities norms and rules adopted and observed in the award of the contract so as to ensure transparency in the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Captive and Cogeneration Plant

1172. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of captive and cogeneration plants actually set up and started functioning in the country during the last four years;

(b) the names, locations and capacity of these plants; and

(c) the number of such plants likely to be set up during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) In terms of Section 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, approval of only the State Electricity Board of the concerned State is required for setting up of Captive co-generation power plants. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) does not monitor commissioning/functioning of captive/co-generation power plants.

Justification for Taking a Longer time by the Fifth Pay Commission

1173. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to the

Unstarred Question No. 50 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the Fifth Pay Commission is likely to take more time in finalising its report than the previous Pay Commissions;

(b) whether it is justified considering the public money spent on Pay Commission;

(c) whether the members of the Fifth Pay Commission had gone on a two and-a-half week's world tour including Malaysia, Newzealand, Canada, United Kingdom;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) In accordance with the terms of reference, the Commission is required to submit its final report as soon as feasible. It is not possible to state at this stage whether the Fifth Pay Commission is likely to take more time in finalising its Report as compared to the previous Pay Commissions.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Fifth Central Pay Commission undertook a study tour to Malaysia, New Zealand, Canada and United Kingdom from October 3 to October 19, 1995. The objectives was to acquaint themselves with various new initiatives taken by the Governments of these countries in the field of public service management, pay determination, optimisation of the size of the Government machinery etc. and also to study the impact of the measures taken to actually implement the policy initiatives.

Extension given to Chairman of Punjab and Sind Bank

1174. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 25 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1995 and state:

(a) the rationale/criteria under which the services of the Chairman of Punjab and Sind Bank have been extended for an indefinite period beyond the age of 60 years;

(b) whether vigilance clearance was obtained in this regard;

(c) whether the said incumbent being an I.A.S. officer was due to retire at the age of 58 years and Government had in effect given him extension of two years by continuing his Chairmanship of the nationalised bank; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) The appointment of Chairman and Managing Director in nationalised banks is made in accordance with the procedure and criteria prescribed in the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970/1980 and the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme, 1970/1980. Shri K.S. Bains was initially appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab and Sind Bank for the period for 1.8.1992/31.5.1995 (upto 60 years) by the competent authority. The tenure of Shri Bains has been extended thereafter till further orders.

(c) and (d) On his appointment as Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab and Sind Bank with effect from 1.8.1992, on immediate absorption basis, Shri Bains was deemed to have retired from the IAS and hence the question of granting extension does not arise.

Joint Venture/Private Sector Involvement for Elimination of T&D Losses

1175. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to